

BOARD LETTER: ACCEPT HIV SURVEILLANCE GRANT FUNDS

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OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND





The HIV Epidemiology Unit (HEU) is a surveillance unit within the Epidemiology Program.

25 years of funding by the State

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Surveillance, HIV prevention/care and treatment grants combined

State split surveillance funding from prevention/care and treatment

First solo surveillance grant funding accepted in 2016

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Requesting approval to accept funding for FY 2020-2024

BACKGROUND CONTINUED



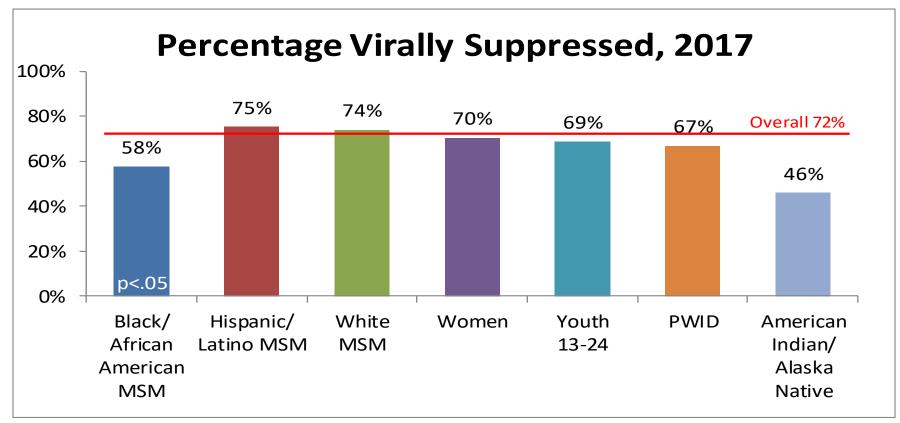
FOUR PRIMARY HEU SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

Ensure timely and complete reporting of HIV and AIDS cases Provide data: Ryan White application, Getting to Zero Initiative, Data to Care and Partner Services **Analyze surveillance data Disseminate reports**

HEALTH EQUITY AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH



Surveillance data are used to identify, address, and monitor health inequities, such as the percentage receiving the full benefit of HIV medical care as indicated by the percentage virally suppressed.



MSM=Men who have Sex with Men. PWID=Persons Who Inject Drugs. p<.05 = statistically lower than the overall percentage.

TARGET POPULATION



HIV surveillance data benefit the public and our partners:

- HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch
- Border Health
- Community-Based Organizations
- Community and Hospital-Based Clinics

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Linkage to Getting to Zero Implementation Plan

- Goal 4.1: Implement Data to Care program, which utilizes HIV surveillance data to identify individuals who have been diagnosed with HIV but who are not currently engaged in care
- Goal 4.2: Implement use of HIV surveillance data to identify all individuals who are newly diagnosed with HIV in San Diego County so that they can receive HIV Partner Services, linkage to care and referrals to support services

OBJECTIVES



- To allow the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS to continue providing funding for HEU
- To authorize the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to pursue future funding opportunities that will improve and enhance surveillance

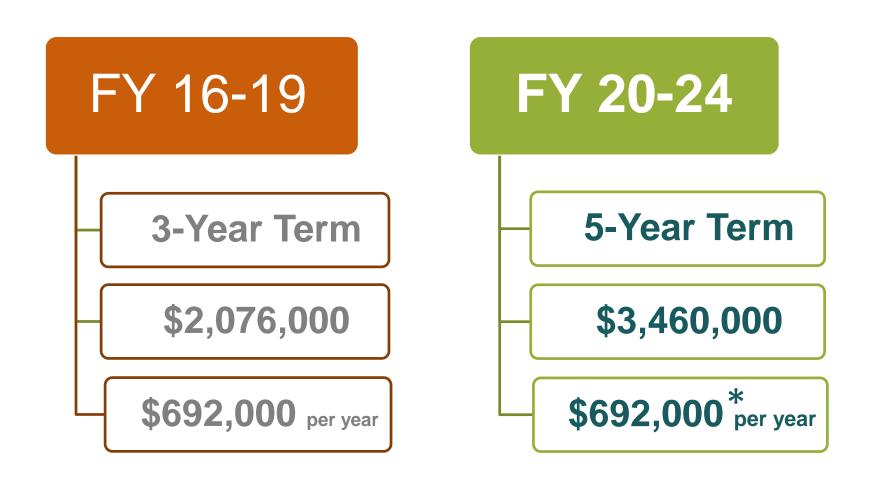
BENEFITS AND OUTCOME



- Accepting State funding reduces County costs for mandated HIV surveillance
- Continued HIV surveillance supports the Getting to Zero initiative
- Enhanced HIV surveillance is possible with future funding opportunities

FUNDING BY TERM





*Expected continued flat funding of \$692,000 per year.

ACTION REQUESTED



- 1. Waive Board Policy B-29
- 2. Accept funding for HIV surveillance from the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS
- 3. Authorize the Health and Human Services Agency to pursue future HIV surveillance funding opportunities



The HIV Epidemiology Unit asks for HSAB approval to move forward with this Board Letter action which would allow continuation of the acceptance of HIV surveillance funding from the state.

DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS



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